

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

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**DECISION**

**TOPIC**

REAP City Parks and Open Space Grants – September 2007

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The Department requests Commission approval of the committee recommendations for REAP City Parks and Open Spaces Grants.

The Project Review and Selection Committee for REAP City Parks and Open Space grants met September 19 to evaluate project applications. Committee members are Ron Walker, Chairperson (Arnolds Park City Administrator), Sherri Proud (Coralville Park and Recreation), Ron Hopp (Council Bluffs Parks, Recreation, and Public Property Director), Pat Prevenas (Dubuque Park and Recreation Director), and Kim Bogenschutz (Aquatic Nuisance Biologist, DNR Fisheries Bureau).

Fifty-seven applications totaling \$5.1 million in grant requests were submitted for consideration during this FY08 grant round. Available funds total about \$2.3 million, a 40% increase over last year due to an appropriations increase for REAP from \$11.5 million last year to \$15.5 million this year. Twenty-five grants are recommended for funding this year, compared to 19 last year. One grant round is being held this fiscal year and all available funds are recommended for allocation.

If the next ranked project declines funding, the Department requests authority to offer those funds to the next highest scored project (full ranking lists attached).

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**LARGE CITIES (Over 25,000 in population)**

Twelve applications were submitted in this category, totaling about \$2.1 million in grant requests (see attached table). Approximately \$1.1 million is available for grant awards, and it is totally accounted for in the top seven ranking grants. The committee recommends that grants be awarded for the following projects:

1. Iowa City, sand prairie restoration -- \$38,000

2. Burlington, Flint River recreational trail -- \$150,000
3. Council Bluffs, Big Lake nature area -- \$200,000
4. Dubuque, Trolley Line Trail -- \$200,000
5. Des Moines, Des Moines River regional trail -- \$300,000
6. Cedar Falls, Big Woods Lake campground -- \$150,000
7. Davenport, Sunderbruch Park trail expansion -- \$26,986 (Requested \$152,722 but has accepted this amount as available after funding the top six grants.)

#### **MEDIUM CITIES (2,000 to 25,000 population)**

Twenty applications were submitted in this category, totaling \$1.7 million in grant requests (see attached table). \$767,240 is available this round for grant awards and is totally accounted for in the top nine grants. The following projects are recommended for funding:

1. Coralville, Clear Creek greenbelt acquisition -- \$100,370
2. Glenwood, prairie restoration -- \$9,750
3. Madrid, Community Trail -- \$75,000
4. Waukeg, Raccoon River Valley Trail extension -- \$100,000
5. Chariton, East Lakes development -- \$75,000
6. Waverly, Crestwood Park to Brookwood Park trail -- \$100,000
7. Ottumwa, South Loop Trail -- \$150,000
8. Iowa Falls, Rock Run Creek Trail -- \$78,560 (Tied with Perry. Requested \$100,000 but has accepted this amount as available after funding the top seven grants.)
9. Perry, Raccoon River Valley Trail -- \$78,560. (Tied with Iowa Falls. Requested \$100,000 but has accepted this amount as available after funding the top seven grants.)

#### **SMALL CITIES (Population less than 2,000)**

Twenty-five applications were submitted in this category, totaling nearly \$1.3 million in grant requests (see attached table). \$514,074 is available for grant awards, and is totally accounted for in the top nine grants. The committee recommends that grants be awarded:

1. Ackley, Prairie Bridges Park land acquisition -- \$53,450
2. Walcott, recreation trail and nature park -- \$74,900
3. Sheldahl, Sheldahl Trail -- \$75,000
4. Slater, Slater to Sheldahl Trail -- \$75,000
5. Dallas Center, Raccoon River Valley Trail addition -- \$75,000

6. Allison, Rolling Prairie Trail development -- \$75,000
7. Eldon, Chippewa Park and Trail development -- \$50,000
8. Minburn, Raccoon River Valley Trail addition -- \$50,000
9. Dawson, Raccoon River Valley Trail addition -- \$10,724 (Requested \$50,000 but has accepted this amount as available after funding the top eight grants.)

Ken Herring, Administrator  
Conservation and Recreation Division

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Attachment: 3 REAP City Parks Open Spaces Grant Scoring (Small, Medium, and Large)

## REAP CITY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE GRANT PROGRAM - September 2007

### LARGE CITIES - Population greater than 25,000 - \$1,064,986 available

ID NUMBER	CITY AND POPULATION	RANK	TOTAL POINTS	GRANT REQUEST	PROJECT NAME AND NOTES	QUALITY OF SITE AND/OR PROJECT (3)	DIRECT RECREATION BENEFITS (2)	ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS (2)	LOCAL NEED (2)	NUMBER OF PEOPLE BENEFITING (2)
1	Iowa City, 62,220	1	112.20	\$38,000.00	Iowa City Sand Prairie Restoration	25.2	12	17.2	13.6	12.4
3	Burlington, 26,839	2	111.80	\$150,000.00	Flint River Recreation Trail, Phase 2 Constr, Phase 3	22.2	12.8	11.6	13.2	12.8
10	Council Bluffs, 58,268	3	108.50	\$200,000.00	Big Lake Nature Area ( <b>Hopp Abstains</b> )	22.5	14.5	13	11	13.5
11	Dubuque, 57,686	4	102.50	\$200,000.00	Trolley Line Trail ( <b>Prevenas Abstains</b> )	19.5	12	10.5	13.5	13
9	Des Moines, 198,682	5	101.60	\$300,000.00	Des Moines River Regional Trail, Phase 1	20.4	12.4	10.4	11.6	15.2
6	Cedar Falls, 36,145	6	99.80	\$150,000.00	Big Woods Lake Campground - Phase 3	18	11.2	9.2	13.6	12
4	Davenport, 98,359	7	96.60	\$152,722.00	Sunderbruch Park Trail Expansion ( <b>\$26,986</b> )	18	12	10.4	12.4	13.2
8	Fort Dodge, 25,136	8	94.80	\$112,755.00	<b>Above funded for FY 08</b> Soldier Creek Nature Trail, Phase 4	17.4	12.4	10	12.8	11.6
2	Marion, 26,294	9	94.60	\$150,000.00	Krumholtz Woods - Phase 2 - "Bridging Communities"	16.2	10.4	10.8	13.6	12
12	Sioux City, 85,013	9	94.60	\$283,992.00	Wetlands Prairie Trail ( <b>Great Place tie-breaker</b> )	16.8	11.6	12	11.2	12.4
5	Waterloo, 68,747	11	94.40	\$200,000.00	<b>If REAP was fully funded, Ft Dodge would be funded and with Great Places tie-breaker, Sioux City would be partially funded</b> Mark's Park	16.8	12	9.6	13.6	12
7	Ames, 50,731	12	90.60	\$157,279.00	Ames Squaw Creek Greenway Trail System	16.2	11.6	9.6	12	12

TOTAL GRANT REQUEST \$2,094,748.00

**REAP CITY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE GRANT PROGRAM - September 2007**  
**MEDIUM CITIES - Population between 2,000 and 25,000 -- \$767,240 available**

ID NUMBER	CITY AND POPULATION	RANK	TOTAL POINTS	GRANT REQUEST	PROJECT NAME	QUALITY OF SITE AND/OR PROJECT (3)	DIRECT RECREATION BENEFITS (2)	ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS (2)	LOCAL NEED (2)	NUMBER OF PEOPLE BENEFITED (2)	RELATIONSHIP TO STATE AND LOCAL PLANS (4)
3	Coralville, 15,123	1	111.25	\$100,370.00	Clear Creek Greenbelt Acq., Jacobs Parcel <b>(Proud Abs</b>	21.75	12	14.5	12.5	14	29
1	Glenwood, 5385	2	106	\$9,750.00	Prairie Reclamation, Restoration, Beautification	24	11.6	17.6	12	11.6	24
9	Madrid, 2,264	3	104.4	\$75,000.00	Madrid Community Trail	19.8	13.2	10.8	13.6	13.2	28.8
11	Waukee, 5,126	4	104.2	\$100,000.00	Raccoon River Valley Trail Extension, Waukee	18.6	12.8	11.2	13.6	13.6	28.8
2	Chariton, 4,573	5	103.8	\$75,000.00	Chariton East Lakes Project - Year 1	21.6	12.4	16	11.6	10	26.4
8	Waverly, 8,968	6	103.2	\$100,000.00	Crestwood Park to Brookwood Park Trail Extension	20.4	13.2	10.4	12.4	12.4	28
6	Ottumwa, 24,998	7	101.2	\$150,000.00	Ottumwa Trails Project - South Loop	18	12.8	9.6	15.2	14.4	24.8
20	Perry, 7,633	8	100.2	\$100,000.00	Raccoon River Valley Trail <b>(funded at \$78,560)</b>	18	12.8	10	11.2	14	28.8
18	Iowa Falls, 5193	9	100.2	\$100,000.00	Rock Run creek Trail <b>(funded at \$78,560)</b>	22.2	12.4	11.6	12.4	12	24.8
					<b>Above funded for FY 08</b>						
14	Windsor Heights, 4,805	10	99.6	\$75,000.00	Clive Elementary Nature Trail	19.2	11.6	14.4	12	10	24.8
5	Bloomfield, 2,601	11	94	\$75,000.00	Bloomfield Community Recreation Trail	18.6	12	10.8	13.6	10	24
19	Dyersville, 4,035	12	92	\$75,000.00	Westside park Paved Expansion of Heritage Trail	16.8	12.8	9.6	12	11.2	22.4
					<b>Above 3 would have been funded if REAP was fully funded</b>						
15	Story City, 3,228	13	91.8	\$75,000.00	Story City Pedestrian/Bike Trail & Skunk River Crossing	19.8	12.4	11.2	12.8	10	25.6
4	Hiawatha, 6,480	14	90.4	\$100,000.00	Hiawatha Boyson Trail	16.2	11.6	8.4	10	12	26.4
13	Spencer, 11,317	15	88.4	\$125,000.00	Deerfield Park	17.4	11.2	10	11.6	10.4	21.6
12	Wilton, 2829	16	88	\$38,783.00	West View Park Walking Trail	16.2	11.2	8.8	12.8	10	22.4
16	Sac city, 2,368	17	85.8	\$75,000.00	Chautauqua Park Trail	16.8	11.2	9.6	13.2	9.6	20
17	Osceola, 4,659	18	85.8	\$75,000.00	West Lake Boat Ramp Improvements	16.2	9.6	8.4	12	11.6	23.2
10	Rock Rapids, 2,573	19	80.6	\$30,000.00	Comfort Station Project	13.2	7.6	10	12.8	10	20.8
7	Clive, 12,855	20	79.6	\$125,000.00	Karp Park Improvements	14.4	12	10.4	10	11.2	17.6
TOTAL GRANT REQUEST						\$1,678,903.00					



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